

CLAIMS

What is Claimed Is:

1 1. A computer, comprising:
2 a setup function setting and display device identifying setting items that are not
3 reflected in a use environment of the computer from among a plurality of setting items, and
4 displaying the setting items that are not reflected in the use environment in a manner
5 recognizable from other setting items.

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2. A computer having a setup function, comprising:
 a memory storing setup history information; and
 a display controller identifying setting items that are not reflected in a use
environment of the computer from a plurality of setting items, and controlling display of the
setting items that are not reflected in the use environment in a manner recognizable from other
setting items.

1 3. A computer as recited in claim 1, wherein the setting values set during a setup
2 operation for the setting items that are not reflected in the use environment are replaced by
3 values set by software different from the software used during the setup operation.

4 4. A computer as recited in claim 2, wherein the setting values set during a setup
5 operation for the setting items that are not reflected in the use environment are replaced by
6 values set by software different from the software used during the setup operation.

1 5. A computer display method, comprising:
2 identifying setting items that are not reflected in a use environment of the computer
3 from among a plurality of setting items; and
4 displaying the setting items that are not reflected in a manner recognizable from other
5 setting items.

1 6. A computer readable storage medium storing a program for implementing a
2 display method with a computer, the method comprising:
3 identifying settings that are not reflected in a use environment of the computer from
4 among a plurality of setting items; and
5 displaying the setting items that are not reflected in a recognizable from other setting
6 items.

1 7. A computer, comprising:
2 a first setup function setting and display device controlled by a first program to set
3 items related to a use environment of the computer and to display the set items;
4 a second setup function setting device controlled by a second program to set items
5 related to the use environment of the computer, an item set by the second setup function setting
6 device having priority over the same item set by the first setup function setting device; and
7 an identifying device to identify the items set by the second setup function setting
8 device having priority over the items set by the first setup function setting device.

1 8. A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the second setup function setting
2 device disables the same item set by the first setup function setting device.

1 9. A computer as recited in claim 7, further comprising a display to display the
2 item identified by the identifying device in a manner distinguishable from other items.

1 10. A computer as recited in claim 9, wherein the display displays the item
2 identified in halftone dot mesh.

1 11. A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is a basic input
2 output system program and the second program is an operating system program.

1 12. A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is a basic input
2 output system program and the second program is an application program.

1 13. A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is an operating
2 system program and the second program is a basic input output system program.

1 14. A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is an application
2 program and the second program is a basic input output system program.

1 15. A computer as recited in claim 7, wherein the first program is an application
2 program and the second program is an application program.

1 16. A computer as recited in claim 9, wherein the identifying device comprises a
2 history information setting device to monitor the set items and to store a history of items set by
3 the first setting device which are modified by the second setting device, and the display
4 displays the item in a manner distinguishable from other items based on the stored history.

1 17. A computer as recited in claim 16, wherein the history information setting
2 device comprises a non-volatile memory storing the history of items set by the first setting
3 device which are modified by the second setting device.

1 18. A method of operating a computer, comprising:
2 setting items related to a use environment of the computer using a first program;
3 setting items related to the use environment of the computer using a second program,
4 an item set using the second program having priority over the same item set using the first
5 program; and
6 identifying the items set using the second program having priority over the items set
7 by the first program; and
8 displaying the identified items in a manner distinguishable from other items.